

administrative control, to grant ante-dated seniority and pay fixation benefits to other eligible ex-ECOs/SSCOs re-employed with them in terms of the provisions contained in para 6 of the Department of Personnel & Training notification No. /220/69-Estt (c), dated 26th August, 1971. All the Banks have extended such benefits to the eligible Ex-ECOs/SSCOs. However, the question whether such benefits to the eligible Ex-ECOs/SSCOs re-employed in the State Bank of India, should be in terms of para 6 (a) or 6 (b) of the said notification, is under examination by the Department of Personnel & Training.

[*Translation*]

Import of codeine Phosphate

3639. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Codeine Phosphate imported annually and the foreign exchange involved;

(b) the annual production of Codeine Phosphate in the country;

(c) whether the requirement of Codeine Phosphate can be met by indigenous production; and

(d) if so, the reasons for importing Codeine Phosphate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). The quantities of Codeine Phosphate imported and manufactured in the country during the last 5 years are as follows:

Year	Quantity of Codeine Phosphate	
	(Imported in Kgs.)	Manufactured in the country (in Kgs.)
1986-87	1000	4434
1987-88	4000	3500
1988-89	4000	5896
1989-90	9000	6716
1990-91	9000	7738

Codeine Phosphate is imported under barter deal in exchange for opium; there is no direct out-flow of foreign exchange.

Codeine Phosphate is manufactured from opium in the country at the two government Opium and Alkaloid Plants at Neemuch and Ghazipur. Capacities of the plants and their recovery efficiency of this product are the limiting factors in meeting the entire indigenous requirement of Codeine Phosphate.

[*English*]

Laser Guided Technology In DRDO

3640. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence Research and development Organisation has achieved a breakthrough in LASER guided Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of other countries possessing this technology?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD POWER): (a) and (b). Defence